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SUBJ: HAPPENINGS AT MEXICO CITY - THE G-77

1. TWO EVENTS LARGELY DOMINATED THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE G-77 AT ITS FIRST SESSION. ONE, MEXICO ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE SESSION WITH LIBYA AS CHAIRMAN OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE (TRADE AND FINANCE) AND BANGLADESH AS CHAIRMAN OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (SUPPORT AND INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS). SECOND, GARCIA ROBLES MADE THE OPENING INTERVENTION WHICH IS CHARACTERIZED AS COVERING THE DIRTY WORK THEREBY LEAVING THE HIGH-LEVEL GENERALITIES TO BE HANDLED BY PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA ON TUESDAY. GARCIA ROBLES SPENT 80 PERCENT OF HIS TIME IN A LONG AND PASSIONATE APPEAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SUPPORTING SECRETARIAT FOR THE G-77. HE DREW PARALLELS BETWEEN THIS REQUIREMENT AND THAT IT RECOGNIZED AND IMPLEMENTED

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BY SUCH VARIED ORGANIZATIONS AS UNCTAD, OAU, OECD, ETC.

HE ALSO USED MUCH OF THE REMAINING PRESENTATION TO TRY AND DAMPEN THE INCREASED EVIDENCES OF A SCHISM BETWEEN THE RICH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THE MSAS, AND THE LDCS. IN ADDITION TO SUGGESTING THAT THE SECRETARIAT WOULD SERVE AS AN INTERIM BRIDGE IN THIS REGARD, HE STRONGLY ADVOCATED INCREASED TRADE AMONG THE LDCS AS A FURTHER PALLIATIVE.

3. WE ARE TOLD THAT FOR QUITE DIVERGENT REASONS A SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITY OF THE G-77 IS OPPOSED TO ANY MAJOR DECISION TAKING AT MEXICO CITY, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS. INCLUDED IN THAT OPPOSITION GROUP ARE SUCH DIVERSE BED FELLOWS AS ARGENTINA, CUBA, PERU, PAKISTAN, ALGERIA, AND LIBYA. OLIVERI (ARGENTINA) TOLD US LAST PM THAT THEY INDEED HAVE "BIG PROBLEMS" AND THAT THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK AWAY AT QUESTIONS OF SUBSTANCE AND SUPPORT. HOWEVER, HE SAW LITTLE PROSPECT OF ANY FORWARD MOVEMENT AT THIS STAGE IN THE DELIBERATIONS.
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